

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS IN SEDIMENT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS, MOUTHS OF PALETA, CHOLLAS, AND SWITZER CREEKS, IN SAN DIEGO BAY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:30 AM
Regional Board Office Hearing Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will hold a combined public workshop and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address the toxic pollutants in sediment in San Diego Bay at the mouths of Paleta (Seventh Street Channel), Chollas, and Switzer Creeks in the San Diego Region. TMDLs for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and chlordane are proposed for the mouths of Paleta, Chollas, and Switzer Creeks. A TMDL for lindane is also proposed for the mouth of Switzer Creek only.

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Room
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Two or more Regional Board members may attend this meeting. However, no voting will occur.

Purpose of the Public Workshop: To provide information, answer questions, and receive input from the public on the toxic pollutants in sediment TMDLs project for the mouths of Paleta (Seventh Street Channel), Chollas, and Switzer Creeks in San Diego Bay. Public participation is an important part of the TMDL process and is encouraged.

Purpose of the CEQA Scoping Meeting: To receive comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental documents prepared for the project. All comments received will receive responses prior to Regional Board adoption of the proposed TMDLs. Section 21083.9 of the California Public Resources Code requires lead agencies to call at least one scoping meeting for projects of regional or areawide significance.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Region listings of San Diego Bay Shoreline, Seventh Street Channel (Paleta Creek), near Chollas Creek, and near Switzer Creek, are on the 2006 Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) List of Water

Quality Limited Segments as impaired for sediment toxicity and benthic community effects (for Seventh Street Channel and Chollas Creek), and chlordane, lindane/hexachlorocyclohexane, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (for Switzer Creek). In order to meet water quality objectives and restore beneficial uses, the Regional Board has initiated the development of TMDLs to address these impaired waterbodies.

The toxic pollutants in sediment TMDLs are being developed in conformance with section 303(d) which requires states to develop a list of waterbodies which do not, or are not expected to, meet water quality standards after implementing technology based controls. Section 303(d) requires states to identify these impaired waters and develop TMDLs for such waters. The purpose of a TMDL is to restore the waterbody's beneficial uses and attain water quality objectives.

Beneficial uses for San Diego Bay at the above referenced Creek Mouths are designated in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9)* (Basin Plan) and include industrial service supply (IND), navigation (NAV), water contact recreation (REC-1), non-contact recreation (REC-2), commercial and sport fishing (COMM), preservation of biological habitats of special significance (BIOL), estuarine habitat (EST), wildlife habitat (WILD), rare, threatened, or endangered species (RARE), marine habitat (MAR), migration of aquatic organisms (MIGR), spawning, reproduction, and/or early development (SPWN), and shellfish harvesting (SHELL) activities. The Basin Plan further designates water quality objectives for toxicity and pesticides that are designed to protect these beneficial uses.

For questions regarding this notice, please contact us by:

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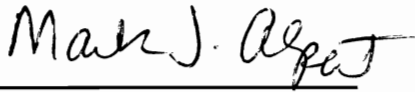
Website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego

Please bring the forgoing to the attention of any persons who would be interested in this matter.

INFORMATION

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the San Diego Water Board's website or by contacting Ms. Lori Costa at the phone number below.

The workshop room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to June 8, 2006. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.



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Date: August 26, 2008